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1. The following are the principal East German Volksarmee installations devoted to research and development:

- a. VEB Reparaturenwerk Neubrandenburg is the principal installation for research and development in the field of tanks and their armament. The commander at this installation is a full colonel (nu). His superior is Major General Arno von LENSKI; chief of all Volksarmee armored forces.
- b. Entwicklungs und Konstruktionsbuero Pirna/Sonnenstein.
 the Pirna/Sonnenstein complex is the main installation in East Germany for jet aircraft research and development projects.
- c. The Erprobungsstelle fuer Dusenflugzeuge is located in the immediate vicinity of Drewitz, Kreis Cottbus (see map A) and is the testing and modification installation for the East German airforce. It has been in operation since 1954 and the entire area, buildings, hangars and airfield are closed to the public. The single road leading from Drewitz to the installation has been resurfaced with concrete and is closed to all but official vehicles. A railroad spur has been constructed just south of Drewitz leading directly to the airfield.
- d. The Zentrales Munitionslager u. Sprengstoffserprobungstele, located at ~~Wolfsruh~~, Kreis Gransee (see map B) has been in operation since the autumn of 1956 and is concerned with the development and preliminary testing of all types of explosives, ammunition and artillery for the Volksarmee. The officer in charge of this installation is Major General KUNATH (fnu), whose official title is "Chef der Artillerie, Bewaffnung u. Munitionen."
- e. The Zentrales Brennstoffslager u. Pruefamt in Hohensaaten, on the Oder River in Kreis Angermuende, is responsible for field testing all types of explosives including those developed at the Zentrales Munitionslager at Wolfsruh.
- f. The Artillerie Versuchsschiessplatz, located in Kreis Weisswasser on the west bank of the Neisse River, is now engaged in test-firing all types of artillery for the Volksarmee.

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2. Attached are map photographs showing the location of the following:

- a. The testing and modification center of the East German airforce.
- b. The central munitions dump and explosives testing installation.

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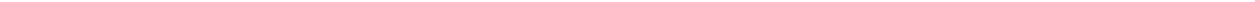
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Topographic map showing a region with various towns and geographical features. Handwritten annotations include:

- Hauptplatz** (Main Place) at the top center.
- Dew 1954** and **Teilweise Basis Teil Expositionsstelle** (Partially Basis Part Exhibition Site) in the center-right.
- A large **A** in the lower center.
- A rectangular area outlined and labeled **Sitzungsraum** (Meeting Room) and **FOPs**.

Geographical features and towns visible on the map include:

- Towns:** Drewitz, Tauben, Taubendorf, Grieben, Pöhsen, Jänschwalde.
- Geographical Features:** Jänschwalde, Heide, Pöhsener, Mark.
- Grid Coordinates:** 50, 49, 48, 47, 46, 45, 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, 39, 38, 37, 36, 35, 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0.



A detailed topographic map of a region in Germany, showing towns like Dollgow, Zernikow, Gr. Waltersdorf, and Königsstadt. The map includes contour lines, a grid, and various geographical features. Handwritten annotations 'B' and 'RR' are visible. The map is oriented with North at the top. The grid shows coordinates from 15 to 25 on the horizontal axis and 70 to 85 on the vertical axis. The map is labeled with various place names and geographical features. The title at the top reads 'Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/06/14 : CIA-RDP80T00246A044400130001-4'.

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